(g) what steps Government have taken to boost its sales in the domestic and foreign markets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited expects to export around 5160 vehicles to Yugoslavia by end of March, 1992. 4426 vehicles have been exported till 21-3-1992.

(c) During 1991-92, Maruti Udyog Limited expects to export around 22,700 vehicles.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) A statement is attached below:

Statement

Year	Domestic Sales	Profit before tax (Rs. in crores)
1989-90 . .	. 1,12,032	50·05
1990-91 . .	. 1,15,394	48·12
1991-92 . . (estimated)	. 1,00,000	Not available as yet
% decline in 1991-92 over 1990-91	13.35%	—

Profits for 1991-92 will be lower than in the previous years. This is because of the fall, in demand for passenger cars in India during 1991-92. MUL has had to not only absorb some of the increases in costs, but also to reduce selling price of some models so as to keep its market share and maintain full production. This has led to a fall in profits. The fall in the demand for cars is largely due to high prices resulting mainly from a sharp increase in the excise duty, as well as a devaluation of the rupee, and higher interest rates. Constant efforts are being made to boost the sales.

Performance of infrastructure sector

3924. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the infrastructure sector in the country has been far from satisfactory despite the liberalised economic policy of Government ;

(b) if so, what is the performance of vital sectors as compared to that of the infractructure sector against the target for 1991-92

(c) what are the reasons for poor performance of the infrastructure sector in the country ; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to check the trend in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) No, Sir.

A statement showing comparative figures of growth rates for April-January, 1991-92 and April-January, 1990-91, targets and production for April-January, 1991-92, is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) As may be seen from the enclosed Statement the performance during April-January, 1991-92, was much better than that during April-January, 1990-91 except in the case of petroleum sector.

(c) The petroleum sector was adversely affected due to a High Gas to Oil ratio in Bombay High wells, water-cut in the Gujarat section, disturbed conditions in Assam, etc.

(d) The Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister has been constituted, *inter-alia*, to consider problems of infrastructure and give appropriate directions to bring about improvement in, performance.

Statement

Infrastructure Sector Performance

Sl. No.	Sector	April-January			
		%Change 1991-92	%Change 1990-91	Target 1991-92	Prodn. 1991-92
1	Power (BU)	8·6	7·1	234.9	236·8
2	Coal (MT)	10·7	1·9	180·4	177·9
3	Saleable Steel (MT)	9·5	3·0	8·2	8·2
4	Cement (MT)	10·1	6·2	46·3	43·8
5	Fertilizer(MT) (N+P) Total	9·2	6·2	8·4	8·2
6	Petroleum (MT);				
	(i) Crude Oil	(—)7·6	(—)3·0	26·1	25·5
	(ii) Refinery Throughout	(—)1·8	(—)0·5	42·6	42·2
	Infrastructure Sector	6·6	3·8		

BU: Billion Units

MT: Million Tonnes

Exports by BHEL

3925. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of exports by BHEL (in foreign exchange) during 1990-91 and how does it compare with that in 1989-90 ;

(b) whether BHEL has been diversifying its product range in a bid to find utilisation of its capacity ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that BHEL is on the brink of turning into a sick public sector undertaking ; and

(e) if so, the circumstances attributed to such a situation and the steps taken by Government to retrieve the undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The exports of BHEL during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores) 1989-90	1990-91
Exports (Physical & deemed	381	490

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As a consequence of diversification measures taken by BHEL, many new products like waste heat recovery boilers, gas-turbines, AC locomotives, diesel electric shunting locomotives, turret castings, ceralin, EPABX/RAX, desalination plants, have already been introduced. Plans are also afoot to add combined cycle power plants, circulating fludised bed combustion boilers, simulators, electric trolley buses, light rail transit sytstem, metro systems, mining equipment, trainer aircrafts etc. to BHEL's product range.

(d) and (e) it is not correct to say that BHEL is on the brink of turning into a sick Public Sector Undertaking, although BHEL, at the moment has a lean order book, which is likely to affect its profitability and capacity utilisation, BHEL is taking following steps to improve the situation :—

(i) Making Vigorous efforts to realise its dues from customers ;

(ii) Increase exports (deemed and physical).

(iii) Farmulating bids to customers with consortium arrangements to tide over the paucity of orders ;

(iv) Diversification into new areas of business.